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SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT TO BE BUILT AT KEPA POTOCKA -- Trybuna Ludu, No 78,  
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The city of Warsaw possesses a good, natural means for disposal of its sewage since the Wisla (Vistula) River acts as a huge tank into which all urban sewage lines flow. Because of the growth of the city, as well as its suburbs, along the Wisla River (from Gora Kalvaria to Modlin), the need has become apparent for the construction of a special plant for sewage disposal. The outlet of the most important sewage canal is at Bielany (section of Warsaw). This bacteria-laden sewage flows down the Wisla as far as Modlin, as the river purifies itself very slowly. A test was made of the bacteria content of the water in Warsaw. One cubic centimeter of water taken from the Wisla at the Slask-Dabrowa bridge showed a 415 bacteria count, and the same amount of water taken at the other end of river at Bielany showed a bacteria count of 282,000. In 1950, sewage contamination caused the mass destruction of fish in the Wisla near Mlodoz because the oxygen content of the water was cut from a normal 90 percent to 18.8 percent.

Plans have been prepared recently for the construction of a sewage disposal plant at Kepa Potocka, between Marymont and Bielany. The plant installations and equipment will resemble those at a similar plant in Moscow and other larger cities of Western Europe.

The first part of the plant to be constructed are the tanks for primary treatment, or sedimentation of the large solids. (This is covered by the six-year plan.) A special sand filter will separate paper, rags, boxes, and other solids, which will be passed on to another tank. The sludge will be pumped up and distributed by special trucks to seven different points located on the outskirts of the city, for use as fertilizer by urban gardeners.

Construction costs for the first tanks of this plant will amount to approximately 1.5 billion zlotys. Capacity is calculated on the basis of a population of 900,000 for left-bank Warsaw (excluding Praga).

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**RESTRICTED****DISINFECTION OF TELEPHONES - Zycie Warszawy, No 70, 12 Mar 49**

The PCK Okreg Warszawski (Polski Czerwony Krzyz, Polish Red Cross, Warsaw Region) has revived the program, begun before the war, of disinfecting telephones, since telephones spread such diseases as tuberculosis, grippe, etc. In 1931, a circular regarding this program was issued by the Ministry of Internal Affairs, at present, the PCK has taken up this work. Disinfection is accomplished by use of certain bacteria-destroying methods. This work will be done weekly by women trained by the PCK. Each telephone will have attached a special booklet in which the date of each disinfection will be marked. The cost of disinfecting each telephone will be 200 zlotys per month. PCK will contract with the large institutions for this service and the small institutions will make arrangements with PCK individually. The service will begin in the near future, since personnel and equipment are already available.

**SHORTAGE OF HOSPITAL BEDS IN WARSAW -- Zycie Warszawy, No 75, 17 Mar 49**

Although the Warsaw hospitals show 144,502 hospital days of service during January, the demand for hospitalization is still entirely out of proportion to available accommodations. The existing housing situation puts additional strain on the hospitals, since many cases which under ordinary conditions could be handled at home must be hospitalized. The hospital load is also increased by patients who live in the suburbs or in neighboring towns but are employed in the city and therefore receive medical attention and are hospitalized in the city.

At least 2,000 beds should be added in the next 2 years to relieve the situation.

**FLU EPIDEMIC IN WARSAW -- Rzeczpospolita, No 72, 14 Mar 49**

Three thousand cases of flu have been reported in Warsaw as of 13 March 1949.

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